



State of Tennessee

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 109

By Representatives Favors, Brown

A RESOLUTION to commend the Tennessee State Association of Elks, upon its Sixty-sixth Annual State Convention.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to the members of those exemplary organizations who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee State Association of Elks is one such remarkable organization, which will be celebrating its Sixty-sixth Annual State Convention from April 29 until May 3, 2011; and

WHEREAS, hosted by Exalted Ruler Lee Mosley, Jr., and the Brothers from Lodge #440 and Daughter Ruler Beverly C. Jackson and the Daughters from Temple #364, this spectacular event's theme is "Continuing to March Towards the Future with Renewed Energy and Dedication"; and

WHEREAS, State President Brother John R. Goss and State President Daughter Lillian K. Lewis, both of whom have provided astute leadership to the Brothers and Daughters of the Elks of Tennessee, will preside over the convention's vast array of inspiring activities; and

WHEREAS, the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks of the World (IBPOEW), a distinguished fraternal organization, was founded in 1898, and the women's auxiliary, the Daughters of IBPOEW, was formed in 1920; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the IBPOEW has grown to include hundreds of thousands of members in Lodges and Temples located throughout the United States, Canada, West Indies, Virgin Islands, and Panama; and

WHEREAS, this sterling organization's noble purpose states: "that the welfare and happiness of its members be promoted and enhanced; that nobleness of soul and goodness of the heart be cultivated; that the principles of charity, justice, brotherly love, sisterly love, and fidelity be inculcated; that its members and families be assisted and protected; and that the spirit of patriotism be enlivened and exalted"; and

WHEREAS, known for its philanthropy and dedication to community service, IBPOEW sponsors a plethora of charitable programs, including Adopt a Child, the Shoe Bank, Purple Cross Nurses, Antlered Guard, and the Cancer Fund; it also provides computer instruction, promotes civil liberties, hosts beauty and talent pageants, and assists battered women, the blind, and veterans; and

WHEREAS, IBPOEW is perhaps best known for its extraordinary educational department, which provides millions of dollars in scholarships to deserving students each year and hosts local, state, regional, and international oratory contests annually; some of its most famous winners include Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mary McLeod Bethune, Dr. Benjamin Hooks, and Oprah Winfrey; and

WHEREAS, in 1946, the Elks in Tennessee decided to join forces and organized their Temples and Lodges into one entity called the Tennessee State Association of Elks; and

WHEREAS, for the past sixty-six years, this illustrious body has established a remarkable legacy of service to community and fraternity; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Tennessee State Association of Elks are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and they should be recognized; now, therefore,

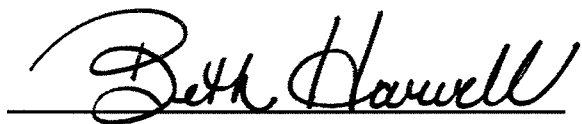
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we join with the members of the Tennessee State Association of Elks in celebrating its Sixty-sixth Annual State Convention and commend them for their noteworthy community service, fraternity and fidelity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: APRIL 28, 2011

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Beth Harwell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B". Below the signature is a horizontal line.

BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES